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TO : Chief, Foreign Documents Branch

FROM : Deputy Chief, Foreign Documents Branch

SUBJECT: "Sunshine" Project

DATE: 12 May 1948

1. I have reviewed all correspondence and reports relative to subject project that are available in FDB.

2. It has been found that the material being received at the Hoover Library may be divided into four major categories of interest: Russian material, Satellite material, Chinese material and Japanese material. Recapitulations of lists of material being currently received reveal that in the first category, of all items received since 1 January 1948 only eleven are deemed to have some intelligence value. Of the second category, none of the items have intelligence value. Of the third category, approximately 1%. The fourth category is already sufficiently covered in Washington. It should be noted that the Hoover Library is primarily interested in revolution and propaganda, hence the material they procure is perhaps 80% historic-political and 19% literary-propaganda. To quote the Chairman of the Directors of the Hoover Library, Dr. H. H. Fisher in his "A Tower to Peace", "this Library and Institute are devoted to the collection and preservation of historical materials".

3. It should further be noted that larger quantities of material are being received in Washington which show a better than 10-1 ratio of greater intelligence value and which are not being touched at present due to lack of personnel. Again, over 500 items of intelligence value in the first category have just been received in FDB from one source. This would represent a ratio of 50-1 versus the documents at Stanford in relation to their fertility for intelligence information.

4. It is concluded that, from the standpoint of intelligence value, efficiency in management, and most appropriate allocation of personnel, the "Sunshine Project" as a permanent full-time project should be discontinued until such time as personnel are available to prospect this source.

5. It is recommended that the personnel presently at Stanford be transferred to Washington unless they refuse to work in this area, in which case it is recommended that they be employed in the translation of specific items of intelligence value as designated by this office. It is further recommended that a representative of this branch acquainted with both Russian and Chinese visit the Hoover Library once a year to screen acquisitions.

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